Grant has been provided by the Govt. of India for the purchase of land.

(c) No, Sir. This Institute receives grant from Government of India besides raising its own sources.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received from the Staff members of the Institute to take over this Institute. These representations have been examined and it has been decided to continue with the present status of the Institute as Voluntary organisation.

Drugs Purchased by Central Purchase Committee of Tamil Nadu

2121. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Tamil Nadu through the Central Purchase Committee (Drugs) is purchasing drugs from public sector and Joint Sector Industries at prices much higher than what has been quoted by small scale Industries;

(b) the reason for denying purchase of drugs from small scale industries or units even through their rates are lower than that of Public Sector and Joint Sector Industries; and

(c) whether Government are aware that there is a heavy monetary loss to the Government due to such policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The purchase policy for drugs of the State Government of Tamil Nadu referred to in the question has not come to the notice of the Central Government. The State Governments follow their own policy for purchase of drugs independent of the Central Government. However, the Central Government has a Medical Stores Depot at Madras which supplies drugs to the Government of Tamil Nadu, whenever any indent is placed by them, from amongst suppliers registered with the Medical Stores Organisation.

Drugs Purchased by Government of Tamil Nadu

2122. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Purchase Committee (Drugs) Government of Tamil Nadu is not giving equal participation to Small scale Pharmaceutical Units in the State in their purchase of Drugs;

(b) whether major share of the Government purchases is given to Public Sector Industries outside the State and large Joint Sector Industries within the State if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) whether Government are aware that due to the above policy many of the small scale pharmaceutical units which come under Priority Sector in the State are getting sick for want of support from the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The purchase policy for drugs of the State Government of Tamil Nadu referred to in the Question has not come to the notice of the Central Government. The State Government follow their own policy for purchase of drugs independent of the Central Government. However, the Central Government has a Medical Stores Depot at Madras which supplies drugs to the Government of Tamil Nadu, whenever any indent is placed by them, from amongst suppliers registered with the Medical Stores Organisation.